

ERP Environmental Water Program

Scope of Work
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CALFED will be developing a framework for the ERP environmental water program which will serve as the basis for acquiring water under this program. The scope of work for this framework will include:

1. Definition of the ERP environmental water program. Subtasks include:
 - A. Develop a stand alone document which identifies environmental water needs contained within the ERP including the location, volume and timing of flow, supporting rationale and anticipated environmental benefits.
 - B. Develop and executive summary of ERP water needs and the ERP environmental water program.
 - C. Establish and define the relationship of ERP water acquisition with the Environmental Water Account
 - D. Define the relationship and opportunities for synergy and conflict with other water acquisition programs.
2. Development of draft criteria for ERP environmental water program. Subtasks include:
 - A. Definition of the types of water that will be considered under the ERP environmental water program (i.e. long-term leases, acquisition of water rights etc.) and the Program's preference for the use of the different water types.
 - B. Define the ERP environmental water program priorities for acquisition based on location, time of year and type of water.
 - C. Develop language for the FY 2001 proposal solicitation package which will form the basis for selection of potential water acquisition proposals.
3. Define the process for acquiring water through the ERP environmental water program. Subtasks include:
 - A. Establish the process for completing appropriate project specific environmental compliance for proposed ERP environmental water program acquisitions which would include addressing potential project specific second and third party impacts and identifying potential mitigation measures.
 - B. Establish a timeline for acquiring and using ERP environmental water program acquisitions

C. For project specific water acquisitions or transfers, establish the procedures the Program will use to acquire the necessary approvals from agencies with jurisdictional authority.

D. Address options for potential downstream uses of acquired water. Define options and potential scenarios for their use.

E. Develop a plan for local involvement and public outreach. Establish the linkage to the CALFED transfers clearinghouse.

4. Develop and implement tracking and monitoring protocols to ensure that acquired water reaches its intended destination.

The goal of this effort is to have sufficient progress so that CALFED can solicit for ERP environmental water acquisitions as part of the next solicitation. The framework would be completed prior to approving ecosystem restoration expenditures for ERP environmental water.